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I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the following United States Provisional Patent Applications:

Serial No. 60/224,594 filed on August 11, 2000 and bearing the title "Method and System for Creating A Thematic Role Based Index for Information Retrieval Over Textual Data",

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Serial No. 60/224,334 filed on August 11, 2000 and bearing the title "Method and System for Searching A Thematic Role Based Index for Information Retrieval Over Textual Data".

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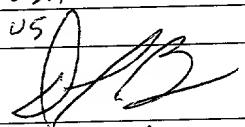
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